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TO: More at Four Contract Administrators and Program Contacts

FROM: John Pruette, Assistant Director
Office of School Readiness
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June Locklear, Chief
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RE: Procedures for ECERS-R Assessments for More at Four Classrooms

The More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program, the Division of Child Development (DCD), and the North Carolina Rated License Assessment Project (NCRLAP) will continue to collaborate to conduct ECERS-R classroom assessments in accordance with the More at Four program guidelines. The NCRLAP is the contractor that schedules, conducts, and reports assessment results to the Division of Child Development (DCD) for the Star-Rated License and More at Four classroom assessments.

This memo includes instructions about how the ECERS-R assessment process will be conducted and results reported, in accordance with assessment procedures established by the DCD and the NCRLAP (**See Attachments A and B**). Our offices are working to streamline the assessment process and eliminate duplication of effort by utilizing ECERS-R assessment results for both the NC Rated License and to meet More at Four program requirements. Since More at Four is aligning its assessment process with DCD, it is imperative that all assessments follow the protocol established for the DCD Rated License.

ECERS-R assessments will continue to be conducted on More at Four classrooms in operation for two or more years that have not received an initial ECERS-R assessment, as well as classrooms that scored less than the minimum 4.5 program standard in previous years. ECERS-R results are one of the measures used by the More at Four State Program to monitor More at Four classroom quality and to inform and prioritize technical assistance needs and training.

Please review the following procedures and contact Cindy Wheeler, OSR Policy Consultant, at (919) 981-5382 or cindy.wheeler@ncmail.net if you have questions about this information and process.

Thank you for your work on behalf of young children in North Carolina.

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Attachments

cc: NC Office of School Readiness, More at Four State Program Section
NC Rated License Assessment Project (NCRLAP)
NC Division of Child Development, Regulatory Section

